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A handle for opening and closing a shoji includes a pedestal fixed to the window frame side stile of a sliding door shoji; a lever handle attached to this pedestal and swingably pivoted in a predetermined angle range; a kicking-out member fixed to a shaft portion of the lever handle and projected toward the window frame side by the swinging operation of the lever handle performed by opening and operating the sliding door shoji, and assisting the opening operation of the shoji by reaction force for kicking-out the window frame; and a spring member for biasing this kicking-out member toward a projection opposing side rotating direction. Further, an auxiliary lock includes a rotatable locking hook piece in the lever handle and a receiving piece fixed to the window frame side and freely engaged with and disengaged from the locking hook piece.